

Passenger Succumbs to Injuries in Motor Vehicle Crash-Harbeson

Harbeson- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a motor vehicle crash which occurred in May, 2019 that has turned fatal.

The incident occurred on May 14, 2019 at approximately 11:38 a.m., when a Chevrolet Suburban was traveling northbound on Harbeson Road (SR 5) approaching the intersection with Cool Spring Road (CR 290). A Honda CRV was stopped eastbound on Cool Spring Road at the posted stop sign at the intersection of Harbeson Road. A Jaguar XK8 convertible was stopped westbound at the posted stop sign on Cool Spring Road, at the same intersection. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Honda failed to see the Suburban traveling northbound and entered the intersection directly into it's path. As a result, the front of the Suburban struck the passenger's side door of the Honda. After impact, the Suburban exited the east edge of Harbeson Road and struck the front of the Jaguar that was stopped at the intersection.

The driver of the Suburban, a 37-year-old male from Seaford, DE was properly restrained and not injured.

The driver of the Honda, a 53-year-old female from Milton, DE was properly restrained and transported to the Beebe Medical Center with minor injuries. A front seat passenger, 87-year-old **Hella H. Lachman** of Lewes, was properly restrained and initially transported to the Beebe Medical Center with minor injuries. She was later transferred to the Delaware Hospice in Milford where she succumbed to her injuries on Monday, June 24, 2019 and the death was originally ruled as natural causes. After further consideration, the cause of death was later

changed to injuries sustained from the motor vehicle collision.

The driver of the Jaguar, a 37-year-old female from Lewes, DE was properly restrained and transported to the Beebe Medical Center where she was treated for minor injuries. A front seat passenger was also properly restrained and transported to the Beebe Medical Center where he was treated for minor injuries.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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